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CCP AGRICULTURAL PLANS SHOW PROGRESS

SHANTUNG COMPLETES WHEAT HARVEST -- Ta Kung Pao, 4 Jul 49

Chi-nan, 3 July 1949 (NCEA) -- Wheat harvesting in Shantung Province has been completely finished. The yield from the Chia-tung (East Shantung) area was 80 percent of an optimum harvest, averaging 130 - 260 pounds per mou (1/6 acre); from the southern and central parts of the province the yield was 65 percent. The harvest from the Po-hai area was less than that for 1948 because of drought and damage by hail. An average yield per mou in this area is about 80 pounds. At present, the farmers in areas with adequate rainfall are sowing summer crops with the help of the people's government.

BANKS GRANT INDUSTRIAL, AGRICULTURAL LOANS -- Wen-hui Pao, 12 Jul 49

Shen-yang, 11 July 1949 -- In order to fulfill 1949 agricultural and industrial plans, the Liaoting Branch of the Northeast Bank has loaned out a total of 93,850,000,000 yuan in People's Bank notes. Of this, 47,750,000,000 yuan were for agriculture, 34,589,000,000 yuan for specialized industries, 10,650,000,000 yuan for the fishing industry, and 889,000,000 yuan for secondary industries.

11 July 1949 Pei-p'ing, (NCHA) -- The Pei-p'ing Communications Bank began loaning materials and money to various industries in June 1949. Amounts loaned now total over 67,950,000 yuan in People's Bank notes. These loans were used either for the expansion of industry or to meet expenses during months when business is slow.

NORTH CHINA COMPLETES AGRICULTURAL PLANS -- Ta Kung Pao, 23 Jul 49

Pei-p'ing, 22 July 1949 (NCMA) -- According to a report made by Chang Ch'ung (Ueda: 3065, 667), Deputy Minister of Agriculture of the North China People's Government. North China's agricultural plans for the first half of 1949 were successfully completed after preventative measures were taken against drought, locusts, and frost.

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In the large cotton-producing areas of central and southern Hopeh, the usual spring drought was prevented by digging additional wells and repairing irrigation canals. A total of about 8 million mou ¹⁶ mou equals one acre of cotton was planted in these areas and unless there is further damage the crop is expected to be large.

In early June, about one third of the T'ai-hsing district was attacked by locusts, but after 18 days of locust extermination, with more than 900,000 persons participating, 1,400,000 mou of young plants were saved.

In the eastern part of Hopeh, 930,000 mou of cotton, which is less than the planned acreage of one million mou, and slightly more than 900,000 mou acres of peanuts are being sowed. Planting will be completed after the rainy season.

Of the total of 2 million mou of wheat planted in North China, 1,400,000 mou in the T'ai-shan district were damaged by wind storms and heavy frost in April and the first half of May, but by the end of May all the damaged areas were completely replanted.

Of the total planned cotton acreage of 1,500,000 mou for the Hopeh Shantung-Honan district, 1,230,000 mou have already been planted.

In Chahar Province, the spring planting was greatly hampered by the death of more than 5,000 head of cattle from rinderpest, but with irrigation canals and wells newly constructed or repaired, rice field acreage in this province was increased by 400,000 mou.

In the T'ai-yuan district, about 1,500,000 mou of farm land were allowed to lie fallow because of frequent attacks of bandits, but with the help and protection of the local People's Government, the farmers were able to plant 300,000 mou this spring.

FARM MACHINERY FACTORY FILLING ORDERS -- Ta Kung Pao, 23 Jul 49

Pei-p'ing 22 July 1949 (NCCA) -- The North China Agricultural Machinery Factory is now rushing to fill large orders of tools and farm implements for the Jehol Industrial Corporation and the Ministry Agriculture of the North China People's Government. The factory expects to complete the orders by mid-August.

Plans for the next 5 months, beginning with August, call for this factory to manufacture 1,255 farm implement units, such as cultivators, water wheels, planters, etc., representing 70 percent of the total output. The factory is now dispatching men to the Northeast and T'ien-ching areas to seek raw materials. and is also planning to establish farm-machinery repair shops and distributing offices in T'ien-ching and other places.

The No 1 branch factory of this factory will continue to manufacture various kinds of powder and liquid insecticides and sprays.

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